

AQA English GCSE

Welcome.

“So Matilda’s strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea.”



AQA GCSE Literature and Language

Literature

Paper 1, 12th May 2025 (1hr45mins)

- Macbeth
- Jekyll and Hyde

Paper 2, 20th May 2025 (2hr15mins)

- An Inspector Calls/Lord of the Flies
- Power and Conflict Poetry
- Unseen Poetry

Language

Paper 1, 23rd May 2025 (1hr45mins)

Fiction

- Explorations in creative reading and writing

Paper 2, 6th June 2025 (1hr45mins)

Non-Fiction

- Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Literature

How to prepare:

- Revise plot
- Revise characters
- Revise themes
- Revise context
- Revise key quotations



Language

How to prepare:

- Know how to answer the questions
- Be ready for the writing tasks



Key Skills - PEEPEL

P	Point	Make a clear point related to the question being asked.
E	Evidence	Use evidence (quotation) from the text.
E	Explain	Explain what the quotation means, what is happening at this moment in text.
E	Explore	Explore the quotation – ‘zoom in’ on key words, explore the connotations, use subject terminology.
P	Purpose	Explain the purpose of the quotation, why is it important, why did the author/poet include this?
E	Emotion	Consider what emotion an audience/reader is meant to feel.
L	Link	Link comments made to the context or themes/motifs in the text

Key Skills – Exploding Quotations

Personal Pronoun

connotes his self-centred character and his ability to make situations about him.

Birling wishes to see himself this way, he believes it is a positive, however it has also made him hard hearted.

Adjective could be seen as a positive connoting strength, as if he is hard as rock.

I speak as **a** **hard headed** practical man of **business**

Mr Birling, An Inspector Calls

Highlighting that Mr Birling is a social climber.

Indefinite article shows how Mr Birling represents all businessmen in society.

Alliteration, draws attention to characteristics, demonstrating his egotistical nature.

Key Skills – Writing Skills

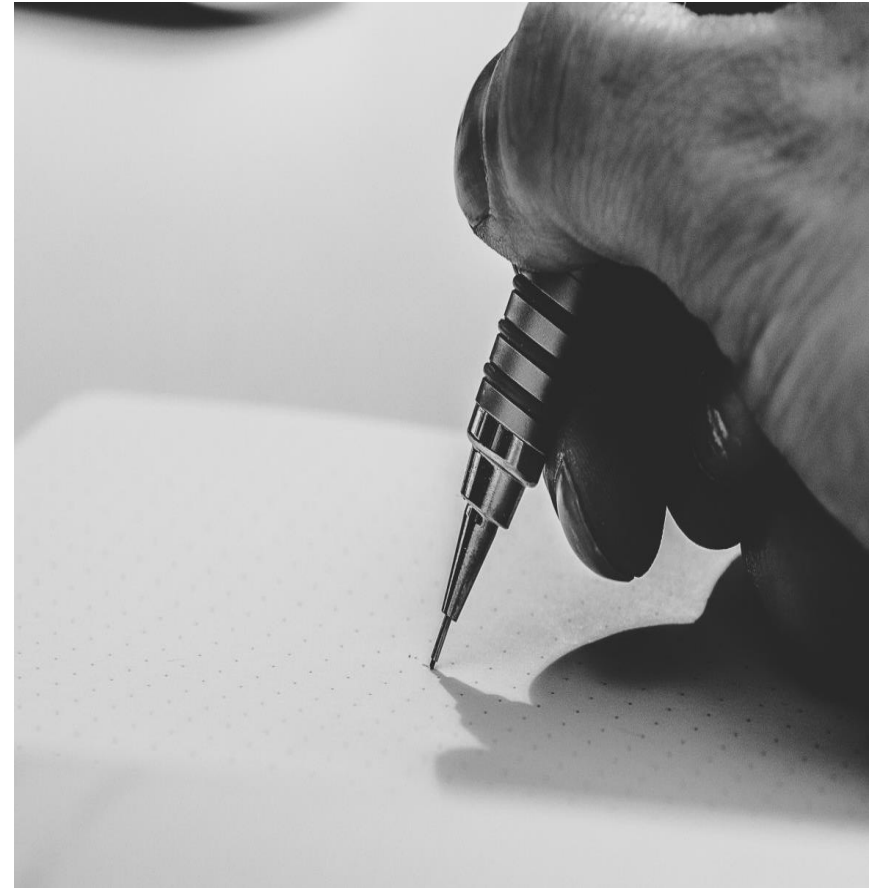
Both Language papers will require students to complete an extended writing task.

- Paper 1 – Story or a description
- Paper 2 – A piece of non – fiction (letter/article/speech etc.)

40 marks – 45 minutes

- Plan – 5 minutes
- Write – 35 minutes
- Edit – 5 minutes

It is not all about **what** is written but **how** it is written – structural devices, language features and SPaG are key.



Revision Resources

YouTube:

- AQA Spotlight on English
- Mr Bruff

Textbooks:

- AQA Revision Guides
- AQA Revision cards
- AQA Revision Workbooks
- Snap Revision Guides

Past Papers

- AQA website

In School Revision Sessions:

- Tuesday afterschool

